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**From:** Cogliano, Vincent  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 4:24 PM  
**To:** Hawkins, CherylA; Otto, Martha  
**Subject:** FYI: Report of an allegation of a violation of scientific integrity on October 23 (b) (6)  
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**Subject:** RE: Report of an allegation of a violation of scientific integrity on October 23 (b) (6)  
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Thank you Vincent for following up and investigating this allegation and providing the response. We are glad that the administration (Scott Pruitt, as well as John Konkus) acknowledges that the incident should not have occurred. (And, of course, we hope that it won't happen again!)

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"Do not go gentle into the good night  
Old age should burn and rage at the end of day  
Rage, rage against the dying of the light"

**From:** Cogliano, Vincent  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 3:30 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Report of an allegation of a violation of scientific integrity on October 23 (b) (6)  
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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your November 7 allegation that EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy was violated when three EPA-affiliated scientists were prevented from presenting scientific results at a workshop on the (b) (6)

On December 4, Administrator E. Scott Pruitt responded to an October 31 letter from several U.S. Senators and Members of Congress who asked questions about this incident (both letters are attached). Three points from Administrator Pruitt's response are especially pertinent to the allegation.

*Procedures have been put in place to prevent such an occurrence in the future.*

*I have assured Office of Research and Development political and career senior leadership that they have the authority to make decisions about event participation going forward.*

*Additionally, I am committed to upholding EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy, which ensures that the Agency's scientific work is of the highest quality, is presented openly and with integrity, and is free from political interference.*

These points substantiate your allegation. Administrator Pruitt has acknowledged that the incident should not have occurred, has affirmed that the research office has the authority to make these decisions, and has committed to upholding EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy.

Thank you again for reporting this allegation. Your vigilance and commitment to scientific integrity at EPA will help all of us to maintain the high scientific standards that the American public has a right to expect.

Sincerely yours,

Vincent Cogliano

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Vincent, as discussed, here is our report regarding the barring of three scientists from speaking at the (b) (6) on October 23, 2017.

Please confirm that you have received this report. Thank you for seriously considering this allegation.

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